

**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
APRIL 27, 2011 MINUTES**

The Human Relations Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in a regular Human Relations Advisory Board Meeting April 27, 2011, 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

James May, Chair
Rory Gilbert, Vice Chair
Terry Benelli
Ana Cadillo
Hong Chartrand
Stacey Dillon
Denise Heap
Frank Johnson
Wayne Manske
Lela Hinds-Peterson
Orchidia Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Mary Berumen
Natalie Lewis
Karen Stegenga
Marquisha Griffin
Deanna Cantrell

GUESTS

Councilmember Kavanaugh

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Mr. May welcomed the board, presenters and citizens present.

2. Items from citizens present.

Ms. Gilbert informed all speakers of the 3-minute time limit and to refrain from interrupting. The following citizens spoke to the board to support or oppose the Utah Compact.

Support

Mr. Grant Walker
Ms. Ashlyn Salafia
Mr. Mike Wright

Oppose

Mr. Jim Hooker
Mr. Larry Hatch
Mr. Randy Hatch

3. Approval of minutes from the March 23, 2011 board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Manske to approve the March 23, 2011, Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) minutes. Ms. Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and provide direction on the motion made and approved by the Ad Hoc Community and Education Project Team to endorse the East Valley LGBTQS (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Straight) Maricopa County Consortium meeting June 2011 in Mesa; with a letter of support and a list of recommended agencies to be invited.

Ms. Heap explained the motion made and approved by the Ad Hoc Community and Education Project Team and asked the board for discussion and approval.

Mr. May asked for a motion from the board to approve a letter of support and a list of agencies. Ms. Heap made a motion; Ms. Gilbert seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. May clarified that staff will prepare the letter, Ms. Berumen agreed.

5. Review, discuss and provide direction on outstanding information, needs, and next steps for the Human Relations Advisory Board on the Utah Compact.

The board discussed at length the next steps needed to make a recommendation for or against the Utah Compact.

Each board member expressed their views and further information needed in order to vote on the Utah Compact.

Mr. Manske made a motion to forward the Utah Compact to the Mesa City Council for further review and consideration. Ms. Hinds-Peterson seconded the motion.

Discussion was held by the board in disagreement to the motion.

Ms. Gilbert suggested that the board craft a recommendation and a report explaining the boards research to Council and vote [in support or opposition] on the Utah Compact at the May 25, 2011 HRAB meeting and to forward the recommendation onto Council after the May meeting.

Mr. May asked for a vote of Mr. Manske's motion. The motion was unanimously opposed.

Mr. Mankse asked for a roll call of votes. Votes are as follows:

Roll call was taken by hand – there is nothing on the tape to indicate who raised hands in support or opposition.

Ms. Peterson made a motion that reiterated her request from the March 23, 2011 HRAB meeting and the April 4, 2011 Ad Hoc Education meeting to hear a presentation from the Mesa Police Department at an Ad Hoc Education or HRAB meeting and to hear law enforcement's view of the possible impacts, both positive and negative, of the Utah Compact on law enforcement in Mesa. Ms. Heap seconded the motion.

Mr. Manske moved to amend the motion to include a presentation from the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. May also amended the motion to include a presentation from the City Attorney's Office.

Ms. Gilbert asked that those presentations be made at the Ad Hoc Education meeting.

Mr. May summarized the motion, Ms. Gilbert added the following, to craft a recommendation based on all of the input received and research that was done and to vote [on the Utah Compact] at the May 25, 2011 HRAB meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Hear a presentation and discussion on Hate Crimes from the Mesa Police Department and the Mesa Police Association.

Mesa Police Lieutenant Deanna Cantrell presented to the board Hate Crimes statistics in Mesa. Lieutenant Cantrell explained how the Mesa Police Department tracks hate crimes within their system and the process officers follow to determine a hate or bias crime.

The board discussed the findings Lieutenant Cantrell presented.

7. Hear an update, discuss and provide direction on items presented by the:

- a. Ad Hoc Community and Education Project Team.

- 1) Give an update on the creation of an anti-harassment, non-discrimination ordinance for the City of Mesa.
- 2) Give an update on best practices for community response to hate crimes and assessing Mesa's response.
- 3) Give an update on the Healing Communities: A Day-Long Exploration of Perspectives tentatively rescheduled for September or October 2011.

- b. Ad Hoc Marketing and Communications Project Team.

- 1) Hear an update from staff on the completion of the HRAB Web links, logo, and brochure. Including the completed first-draft of a HRAB brochure.

Updates from the Ad Hoc Community and Education Project Team and the Ad Hoc Marketing and Communications Project Team were tabled because of time.

8. Mesa Police Department Report

- a. Police Forums
- b. Diversity Team
- c. Hate Crimes Update

Ms. Stegenga clarified the statistics given by Lieutenant Cantrell.

9. Diversity Officer's Report:

- a. Hear an update on the Diversity Office, Neighborhood Outreach Office, Housing and Human Services activities.

Ms. Berumen announced that she has accepted the Housing and Community Revitalization Director position and will be stepping down as Diversity Officer for the City of Mesa.

1) Community Cinema Series, Mesa Arts Center 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

- Welcome to Shelbyville May 19, 2011
- Free Spirit June 16, 2011

10. Report on conferences and/or meetings attended.

Ms. Peterson announced that the Town of Gilbert Candlelight Remembrance event Saturday, April 30, 2011. More information will be sent to the board.

Ms. Peterson thanked all involved in March's Community Cinema Series event; Pushing the Elephant.

Mr. Manske announced that a student at Field Elementary was the winner of the City's Earth Day Recycling Challenge. The winning slogan and the winner's picture will be featured on the all recycling trucks.

Ms. Benelli announced that she attended the Alston House Open House event.

Ms. Dillon reported that May 2, 2011, Mesa Police Department will have their Fallen Officer Memorial at 9:00 a.m., Central Police Station.

Ms. Berumen reported that the Community Cinema Series film, Bhutto, showcased the cultural diversity of Mesa.

11. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

Mr. May announced that the Diversity Leadership Alliance's May workshop, Puzzled by Diversity, will be held on May 12, 2011.

Ms. Dillon announced that the National Prayer Day is Thursday, May, 5, 2011.

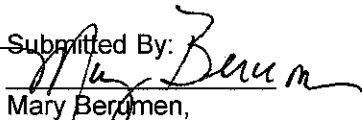
Ms. Heap announced that the Regional Human Relations Boards and Commissions meeting is May 16, 2011, in Phoenix.

12. Adjourn

Mr. May thanked everyone in the audience and adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:54 p.m.

***The next regular meeting is on May 25, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.
Lower Level, City Council Chambers.***

Submitted By:


Mary Berumen,
Housing and Revitalization Director